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Hello again! Welcome to old and new readers alike as we get set for another issue of "AR". Even though only a week has gone by (Hmmm, should I go weekly? No thank you.) we have lots to cover. Besides the above report we have part two of "Skydome Lobbying" by Marilyn Rundle. Part one was really well received as everyone I spoke with or heard from enjoyed it. Evan Ginzburg (What are you going to start doing now that you got a full time teaching job, grade my sheet's grammah.) and Mike Terry, join us for another one of their respective columns. Sorry I didn't get to review Sat. Night's Main Event last issue as there was a problem with the timer being set while me and Klone were at the show so I didn't get to see it until Friday. We won't say what happened, right Cheryl?

The next issue of "AR" will be cover dated May 20 and come from the Omni in Atlanta. Being the day after PPV, it should be interesting to see what happens in "Hotlanta" that night. Scott Hudson will be providing me with the results that night. (You didn't know that Scott did you?) After that issue, I can't complain about lack of live shows to attend. June 1st there is an indie at Patrick's Air Force Base with Adrian Street vs. Buddy (No Show) Landell on top. June 2nd, the WWF is in Daytona, the NWA comes back to Orlando on June 9th and they will be taping TV in Ft. Pierce on June 11th. Four shows in eleven days. If I ever complain again, shoot me. The cosmicologist, Jersey Joe Mullins will be back with another column. (Don't you love the mini-feud between Jersey and Marilyn Rundle in "AR"?) We'll also look at "Capital Combat" to see if Robocop blows anyone away.

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Opening Match

Jake Roberts beat Bad News Brown with the DDT in 13:04. They stalled a bit until the ring lights got fixed. Bad News pushed the ring announcer off his chair and he rolled on the floor mats. Exaggerated bump to say the least. Brown was going to hit Damien with the chair but Jake made the save. Cheryl felt bad for the abused Damien. Great, we'll adopt a snake and watch our cat, George...disappear. */

2nd Match

Akeem pinned Jim Powers in 10:18 when Jim went for a sunset flip from the apron and Akeem used the Lunatic on him. Chants of our neighbor, Shamu was going out to Akeem. Bad. -*

3rd Match

Black Bart beat Rico Frederico in 7:26 with a backbreaker to the knee. Rico was a sub for Tugboat. Thank God no "Toot, Toots". Rico is a student of Boris Malenko. Bart gets to win one with the Fed. Rico is built like TBS jobber Paul Drake. Dud

Tag Team Match

Rockers downed Orient Express via count out in 18:33. To describe all the awesome moves in this match would take a novel. All four worked super. Tanaka & Sato were on the outside and whipping the Rockers into each other but Marty reversed his and Michaels forearmed Tanaka. They then jumped into the ring to beat the count. ****

5th Match

Paul Diamond defeated Brady Boone in 9:58 with a gourdbuster. A match that wasn't listed and was a nice surprise. Boone showed his stuff. He did the Muta handspring into the elbow, Owen Hart's backflip off the top rope. Lots of aerials. Fans were chanting boring. Of course, because they wanted to see Diamond pull some shears out of his trunks or something. Stupid a-holes. Good bout. ** $\frac{1}{2}$

6th Match

Jimmy Snuka beat Barbarian via DQ due to interference from Bobby Heenan at 10:03. Barbie's new "costume" looks impressive except for the antler headpiece. Heenan came in to prevent Snuka from climbing to the top rope. Bobby gets great heat. Snuka's a loony tune. *

Special Event

Sensational Sherri beat Sapphire in 5:00 with a roll up when Randy Savage came down to distract Sapphy. This lady does not belong in the ring. (Sorry Marilyn) Absolutely horrendous. She didn't have a clue what to do. Sherri was her usual self. Infinite negative stars.

Main Event

Roddy Piper pinned Randy Savage in 10:09. Piper came to the ring while the heels were roughing up Sapphire. He took his belt off and started whipping Randy and Sherri with it. At one point, Roddy confronted Sherri outside the ring and he gave her a big wet one. Great brawl and Sherri worked her buns off. Ref took a bump, Roddy clamped on a sleeper and Sherri used the loaded purse but Piper kicked out at two. The purse ended up in the ring and the "Rowdy One" nailed Savage with it and scored the pin. ***

Orlando Notes

Piper subbed for Dusty (Thank God for small favors.) who had surgery on his leg. It was announced he was injured and fans were told refunds were available until 8:20. But when the people walking around outside going to bars heard the change, they raced to the ticket windows. Just kidding....Crowd was 4,600 which is smallest crowd here yet. If Roddy had been advertised, it would have drawn better....It's too bad because it was one of their better cards....They return to the area on 6/2 in Daytona with a horrid line-up: Hennig-Beefcake (Will be title match by then.) Earthquake-Duggan, Bushes vs. Honkey/Valentine, Bravo vs. Bronto (No idea, maybe Tugboat has a new character.) Barbie-Herc, and Akeem-Snuka. Now is there one match on that card you'd like to see? Some may say Hennig-Beefer but I hate Bruti so much I'd have a hard time watching him work with Jushin Riger. But like an idiot, I'll be there.

Finally came the day of WMVI, which was some experience. We were row 29, on the floor, with our backs to the Jumbotron screen. We got whiplash from spinning back and forth from the ring to the screen. Anyone who has a chance to see one of WWF's BIG events live, don't miss it. The overwhelming experience was feeling the excitement in the arena. The place was just ready to explode during the Hogan vs. Warrior match. The amazed look on the faces in the crowd, including mine, when we realized Hogan was going to take the belt into the ring and hand it to Warrior was a sight to behold. Although we heard earlier that there would be fireworks, we had already left our seats to head out of the arena and were taken by surprise when they started. It stopped everyone dead in their tracks and we all just stood and looked back up at the big screen and the fireworks and yelled and screamed like a bunch of nuts! Warrior fans left ecstatic and Hogan fans left happy even though he lost, because the way it was done couldn't have been any better. Also, it looked like Warrior was really emotionally gone, too, when he and Hogan embraced. No matter what anyone has to say about Hogan or Warrior, I failed to see anyone around me who wasn't visibly touched at the end of WMVI. For all the speculation and suggestions that we've all had, heard, and read, they did a damn good job of passing the belt on. The one thing that surprised me most was the enormous response in favor of Warrior. I never thought he was that popular. I have since watched the tape of WMVI and it doesn't even come close to the excitement of being there. Another great moment of crowd frenzy was when Andre turned against Heenan. Everyone was happy to see Andre go out a good guy - and also thrilled to see Liz again. The other advantage to having been there was not getting to see Rona Barrett or Steve Allen!

Our WMVI day came to an end in our hotel restaurant, where we met what was probably a member of the road crew with an identity crisis, but we'll give him the benefit of the doubt. He introduced himself as "Mecca of Manhood" and said he would be joining the Heenan family. He also said he was flown up from Texas to possibly sub at WMVI in case Superfly could not wrestle due to neck problems. That's pretty hard to believe, but if we see him in the Heenan family, remember you read it in AR first. Heenan has been hinting of a new member. If we never hear of him, remember you heard of this new line in AR first. I also saw him enter the hotel in Syracuse the day of the T.V. tapings but, then again, saw the road crew there too.

Monday morning we left Toronto and headed to Syracuse for the T.V. tapings and ended up near Watertown where we partied all night with an old friend. Due to my near fatal hangover, we arrived in Syracuse pretty late the next day. The first thing we did was find the arena, get tickets and a room at the Syracuse Hilton a block away. When we left the hotel for the matches we watched Marty Janetty run to the arena with kids yelling after him, only to find himself locked out of the building. When we walked passed the ramp leading down to the building we looked over the cement wall, and there stood Marty huddled against the building with a hat pulled down over half his face trying not to be noticed by the kids who thought he'd gone inside. Nothing of great importance happened at the T.V. tapings. The beginning matches, a dozen or so, were the usual Saturday morning matches of "Who? vs. WWF notables." Later began the Prime Time-like matches such as Warrior vs. Rude.

We had had a pretty busy 5 days, so exhausted and with a lousy cold starting, we left before the matches ended. We left right after the Rude vs. Warrior match with Heenan at ringside. We were not the only ones to hastily leave at the end of that match, because as we came out of the arena we heard kids yelling "Weasel" at someone crossing the street in front of us. Bobby turned and called one of the more persistent taunters an expression I haven't heard in years. Something along the line of a word that means sort of "cavity at no cost." And he wasn't offering him candy! As we followed him back to the hotel, it crossed my mind to offer to escort him safely there and buy him a drink, but refrained due to his unsociable state of mind.

So, my WMVI vacation started and ended with the sight of Bobby Heenan. But I had a great time anyway! I had the thrill of experiencing WMVI LIVE, saw Toronto, found myself inside WWF's "Green Room" where mere mortals are banned, met Sapphire, and met Mr. & Mrs. Stu Hart. (Maybe was the first to meet the new member of the Heenan family, though that's pretty iffy.) And thanks to Dayna, editor of "Spotlight on Wrestling" newsletter, I met "The Hitman," which was THE highlight of my trip. I went home a happy little camper!

Correspondent's Corner

Boston Garden (WWF)

Boston, MA

April 28, 1990

Correspondent: Louie Fortuna & Ted Field

1) Paul Diamond beat Jim Powers with a reverse neckbreaker at 14:30.
2) Tugboat used an avalanche and splash to put Black Bart away at 8:28.
3) Bad News Brown (sub for Jake) beat Hercules when Herc swatted away ref Fred Sparta and Brown used Herc's chain to gain the win. 4) Hart Foundation went to a double count out with Demolition in a great bout. The locker rooms emptied to break it up. 5) Haku squashed Psycho Capone in 2:07 with a savate kick. 6) Barbarian pinned Jimmy Snuka in 10:00 when Snuka was greeted in the corner with a big boot to the face. Barbie used the ropes for the pin. 7) Hulk Hogan beat Earthquake via DQ when Jimmy Hart interfered after the leg bomb in 7:20. Att: 6,000

Madison Square Garden (WWF)

New York, NY

April 30, 1990

Correspondents: Elyse Zois & Dave Wolfe

1) Hercules beat Haku with a sunset flip in 11:25. D 2) Paul Diamond reversed a powerslam into a small cradle to put Jim Powers away at 10:22. C-Honkey and Valentine came out to sing their song. Elyse says Greg plays a mean air guitar... 3) Jake Roberts DDT'd Bad News Brown at 12:55. B- 4) Nicolai Volkoff pinned Jose Luis Rivera in 5:44. As Ms Zois said, who cares! F- 5) Rhythm & Blues beat Bushwhackers on a count out at 12:18 as Bushes chased Hart back to the dressing room. Great comedy. C+ 6) Dino Bravo pinned Terry Taylor in 4:49. D- 7) Big Boss Man upended Ted DiBiase in 11:17. Ted threw BBM into the ropes, but on the rebound, Boss Man small packaged him. B 8) Barbarian used ropes to defeat Jimmy Snuka at 6:00. F 9) Hulk Hogan beat Earthquake via DQ at 8:41. Same finish as Boston. B-

Walter Brown Arena (NWA)

Boston, MA

May 4, 1990

Correspondent: Louie Fortuna

1) Stan Lane beat Dutch Mantell in 10:59 with a small package. Lane got cheered as no one knew who Dutch was. 2) Bam Bam Bigelow downed Mike Rotunda in 10:21 as Humperdink tripped Mike coming off the ropes and Bigelow nailed Rotunda with a diving headbutt for the win. 3) Johnny Ace upset Bobby Eaton in 12:26. Ace nailed Cornette who had got on the apron and then he pushed Bobby into the ropes for a roll up. Can't believe that result. 4) Steiner Brothers beat Doom via DQ in 16:57. Tons of heat with Doom and the fans at ringside. Ron Simmons hit Rick with brass knucks for the DQ. 5) Lex Luger beat Ric Flair via DQ in 17:20. Luger was late getting to the building so Rick Steiner came out to wrestle Flair. Would have been something different anyway. But Lex got their and Scott came to get Rick. Same finish as everywhere with Ole and the shoe, he then interferes which causes the DQ. Rick Steiner made the save. Att: 1,400

Pittsburgh Civic Arena (WWF)

Pittsburgh, PA

May 4, 1990

Correspondent: John Lanigan

1) Paul Roma pinned Buddy Rose with a powerslam (WOW) in 10:27. C+
2) Brutus Beefcake put The Genius to sleep and then pulled off his wig in 4:53. Bruti now has puke blond hair. D+ 3) Haku gave Red Rooster a savate kick at 8:04. A fan yelled to Haku, "He's a real pecker isn't he?" B-
4) Demo and the Harts went to a DDQ at 14:06. Last 5:00 were all finishes with two counts. Smash and Bret looked awesome. A- 5) Rick Martel reversed a slam to beat Hercules at 14:41. D 6) Hillbilly Jim beat Bob

Bradley with a boot to the face at 4:32. Bradley did the Muta handspring and elbow in slo-mo. Muta should have trademarked the move. D 7) Earthquake pinned Hacksaw Duggan in 8:20. Hart distracted Duggan in the corner and Quake came from behind and knocked Hack down, then sat on him for the pi. D+ Att: 7,000

St. Paul Civic Center (AWA/NWA)
Correspondent: Steve Sims

St. Paul, MN

May 5, 1990

1) Tony DeNucci beat Todd Becker with a powerslam at 7:54. Negative a million stars. 2) D.J. Peterson beat Johnnie Stewart in a ** $\frac{1}{2}$ match using a crucifix. 3) Lumberjacks Nord & Norton went to a DDQ with the Texas Hangmen in 17:35. Lumberjacks won but ref changed it to a DDQ. Okay AWA. $\frac{1}{2}$ * 4) Brad Rhenigans, The Trooper, & Bob Lurtsema beat The Destruction Crew & Tully Blanchard in 17:35 when Tully was rammed into Lurtsema's football helmet and pinned. Hated this result. ** 5) Nikita Koloff over Larry Zybysko via DQ in 11:38. Larry was DQ'd for hitting special referee, Nick Bockwinkel. $\frac{1}{2}$ * 6) Ric Flair pinned Brian Pillman using trunks at 22:19. Good match but same old stale match. ** $\frac{1}{2}$ Att: 7,000 but about 5,000 were freebies.

Ramblings

If you think the NWA is bad now, just wait until after the PPV. They will finally be going to a single booker. Bill Watts was interviewed but he wanted too much housecleaning in the front office for the top brass's liking. The other three under consideration are (I hope your ready for this because I almost fell over.) Jerry Lawler, Dusty Rhodes, and.... Verne Gagne (Greg mentioned also). Obviously, Lawler would be the best of the three, but if you think Robocop is a wacky idea, think of the past ones the "King" has come up with. Now there is a clause which will say that the booker cannot wrestle so Dusty wouldn't be able to put himself over. But just think if Verne gets the books. The Baron brought in as a face, El-Kaissey as a manager. Ugh! The wrestlers are nervous about Dusty getting it because he would bury the people he has it in for. These choices are just another example of people running the company that have no idea what's going on in wrstling.....Some say it's almost do or die for the NWA as some TBS bigwigs are wondering why they're hanging onto WCW when they are losing so much money. If one of these bookers is chosen, I'm afraid it's time to play taps.....Abdullah already history as he left for Japan. Screwed the NWA in the process as he told them his tour wasn't for awhile.....Paul E. will manage Mark Callous after all. Wish they'd make their mind up.....There is a Douglas listed on the WWF's booking sheets next month. Has to be Shane.....I guess Flair caught "some" sun in the Virgin Isles. Did you see how dark he was this weekend on TV? Also, he was peeling like an orange.....PWF in Tampa on 5/3 saw Mike Graham & Steve Keirn beat Robert Fuller & Kendall Windham via DQ.....5/3 in Warren, OH before 400 saw Nikita pin Tully Blanchard Shane Douglas turn heel and go to a DDQ with Rick Casey (Wendall Cooley)The NWA is at Duquesne University in Pitt on 6/1. One of the matches will see Rick Steiner meet Barry Windham.....6/13 in Atco, NJ will see Iron Sheik meet Ken Patera in a cage with Bruno Sammartino as the referee. Samoans (Afa and Sika) meet JYD and Paul Orndorff as wellTalk is that Summerslam will be Hogan and Andre in a tag with Rude vs. Warrior underneath. Yeah, keep putting Warrior underneath and then they'll wonder why he can't headline as a world champ.....Speaking of roidery, talk is that Vince has told Rude to "bulk up" and Ultimate to "settle down" so the match up will look better as an even bout.....I bet you were dying to go to Kingsport, TN Sat. night. Did you see Freddy Miller announcing where the NWA would be. "Kingsport, TN, Italian

A PIECE OF MY MIND--BY EVAN GINZBURG

I thought I'd try something a little different with this month's column; a literal translation of the title. What you are about to get is a stream of consciousness "piece of my mind"; I'm going to just put down on paper whatever feelings and thoughts that come to me and although it probably won't be as grammatically tight as I'd hope for, it hopefully will pack more of an emotional wallop...as Ron has given me free editorial reign for this column, he of course takes no responsibility for my comments...

The rumors of Ric Flair's "stepping down" as champion are disturbing to me; the guy's the best, the t.v. ratings are up & the PPV's always do well--get in some top faces & I'm sure the arenas will draw better...I'm thrilled to see Abdullah back with them but they should really turn the guy into the juicing madman he's always been...I noticed that Mike Terry threw in a little knock at Dino Bravo in his last column--just as I leave old Dino alone, someone else picks on him; Bravo bashing is like a proud Arena Report tradition!...speaking of "AR," it continues to have a warm family-like feeling that makes it a real treat.....D.C. Drake and Larry Winters are two great indie stars in an unbelievable feud--just because they're not huge guys doesn't mean the NWA shouldn't grab them...ditto for the high-flying Cheetah Kid...I care just as little about the WWF with Ultimate as champ as I did with Hogan...By the turn of the century, many of today's top stars are going to end up like SuperStar Graham from steroid abuse--maybe McMahon is smart to get as much out of Ultimate now as he can...One time offer--any fan sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to me at PO Box 471 Oakland Gardens Station can receive a free sample of Wrestling Then & Now (new readers only)...With all the great talent floating around the indies today & much of it **name** talent like Orndorff, Lawler, The Von Erichs, etc., it's a shame that politics & greed keep the promoters from organizing & finally coming up with a 3rd major league--I know this is an old story but it just seems that today more than ever there is so much talent floating around rinky dink little school gyms that there's a fortune to be made out there--just think of all the ex-WWF guys with real name appeal to the general public that are out there now too...maybe some day all the sheet editors could get together and put out a history of pro wrestling or some similar ambitious project--most books on wrestling have been picture oriented or geared toward mental midgets & it's a shame because the cliché of the "socially retarded" wrestling fan is often way off the mark (although not always!)...Congrats to the Lemieuxs on the upcoming birth of their child...I think Abdullah would make a great name if it's a boy!...Speaking of Ron, I was relieved to see that he xeroxed my last column rather than retyped it--I'm making a living as an English teacher & proofreader right now & I go nuts when I see those spelling mistakes!(Hint, Ron!)...The "bulletin wars" are a real turn-off to me--sheets are generally not "money makers" but are a labor of love regardless of the "literary quality..." Hope Piper's acting career takes off--his wrestling persona has certainly cooled down--I enjoyed his feud with Rude but the Brown Wrestlemania fiasco was an embarrassment...Still dying to catch the Original Sheik live just once...In case you've been wondering (and who hasn't), Sal Bellomo recently toured Europe...I'm having my own "mini-feud" with The Jersey Devil on Cassette Wrestling News...Looking forward to catching Lawler-Idol in Philly 6/9--even if both are past there prime, it should be hot...Catch you all in a month...

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It's My 2-Cents

by the Immortal Mike Terry

(Hey--it's my fourth column, don't I deserve it?) We take no prisoners this month gang: Maybe when the NWA brass takes a break from cutting their own throats they might want to take a peek at the Power Hour open. Dick Murdoch, Rick Steamboat, & the Great Muta have been gone awhile, haven't they?.....I'm losing way too much sleep wondering who'll be proven to be wrestling's real rock n' roll tag team.....Lame gimmick of the month: the destruction of the Freebirds gold record. Come on NWA, I guess the majority of your audience knows what a real gold record looks like. Remember the six P's: (Prior Planning Prevents Piss Poor Performance).....I've always been interested in new marketing techniques, and the Roos' dudes have really come up with one. It's the old "demand and no supply" theory.....And just what is that tattoo on Demolition Smash's left arm?

Maalox moments: Michael Hayes' bump and grind...Woman interviews... and the undisputed champion: the Eric Embry sags from USWA from about 18 months back. I'm finally seeing the whole abortion via "The USWA Main Events". Now I understand why everyone was so repulsed. Eric Embry is utterly offensive, self-indulgent, and downright nauseating. What a weasel! Percy Pringle disgraced himself shilling on Embry's behalf.

Worse than Dusty Rhodes striking Sensational Sherri, he also fell on her.....Thumbs down to: the WWF for allowing the babyface Boss Man to brutalize his opponents with the nightstick. Now theres an example of how we want our kids to view authority figures, do you agree?....Thank you....I was going to comment on the Terry Funk-Chris Cruise situation, but I used all my hateful adjectives in the Embry portion....Until next month, it's my 2-cents!

Letters To Ron

This and That

I didn't realize Dory Funk, Jr. was promoting wrestling. He will always be my favorite NWA world champ. I remember he won the belt in Florida from Gene Kiniski with the spinning toe hold. He was so calm in the ring. It seems like I read somewhere that he opened his own business in Ocala.

I'm glad you have Scott Hudson reporting on matches in the Atlanta area. I don't get TBS so its nice to see whats happening. I would really like to see the NWA get Terry Taylor and Scotty the Body. Taylor is a goos wrestler and he was made to look silly with that Rooster gimmick. I saw Scotty when he wrestled for an indy group in Florida awhile back.

I sure hope the PWF survives and makes it.

Clint Bennett

Moultrie, GA

RL- Dory Jr. owns a mortgage brokerage firm in Ocala. They only promoted this show to prove a point to the NWA. That you need to promote a card. He succeeded. I'll wait until the PWF get their 2½ million before I judge them. Wake me out of my toomb when it happens. How was that Wayne?

Termie

In February, I saw the Terminator for the first time. Even though he and the jobber he teamed with lost, I could tell that he's a future superstar. Was he one of the Galaxians? Also, are Termie and Johnny Ace Animals brothers? Where is Terminator nowadays?

John Herron

Marble Hill, MO

(See next page for response John.)

RL- The Galaxians are Danny Davis & Ken Wayne who used to wrestle in Continental. Termie- a superstar? I'm not sure about that but he is better at this stage than Johnny Ace for sure. They are Animal's brothers. Termie is currently competing in Georgia All-Star wrestling for Joe Pedicino.

NWA

I wanted to tell you how thrilled I was to read your analysis on the NWA. I have always admitted they have talent galore, but they just don't know how to capitalize on it. Having to rely on Ric Flair/Lex Luger battles over and over again proves that they don't know how to take advantage of the areas where they are better than the WWF.

Marianne Ryan
Chicago, IL

The Klonster

I laughed my gluteus off at the interplay between Jersey Joe Mullins and Marilyn Rundle.

Without a doubt, Scott Hudson is a five star addition to "Arena Report"....I hate the Robocop angle but Bill Kunkle's "Boycott the PPV" crusade is not for ol' Klon. Along with live shows, my Japanese, Portland, and MSG tapes, SNME shows, I love the Clashes and WCW PPV shows and would not dream of missing one!

Klon
Melbourne, FL

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Stallion, Z-Man." Stallion sure sold a few tickets, huh?.....Hawk no-showed the Family Feud tapings as he had an EKG before the tapes rolled and the doctors said his heart was racing too fast. Was uptight about watching Rick make believe he was Paul Ellering. Scott Steiner took his place. (Just kidding about Hawk and the EKG in L.A.).....Apologies to Marilyn Rundle who I sent on a wild goose chase looking for an NWA show in Kingston, NY. Source misunderstood city. It was the one in Tn..... I really miss Terry Funk and Chris Cruise on World Wide. They made the squashes fun with their dialogue. Tony Schiavone started out pretty plain but he did great for the Flair-Luger angle this weekend. Windham looks super.....They are pushing Boris Zhukov as a Lithuanian. Does that make him a heel or a face. Can tell I read the sports section heavy duty and skim our national news, can't you.....Mark Lourance is history in World Class. Why do I get the feeling Chilly Willy Mercer is coming back in. Get those "Worst Announcer of the Year" ballots ready gang.....Kudos to Dave Meltzer on his National column. It's a great supplement to the Observer. And if you don't get the best wrestling newsletter on this planet, your missing tons. Write to Dave at P.O. Box 1228, Campbell, CA 95009. Five bucks gets you a four issue set..... My good buddy Jeff Zinger of 541 Devonshire Ave., Woodstock, ONT Canada N4S 5P9 has come out with a G.A.G. special that is selling for \$1.50. It has a pictue of him and Kevin Sullivan's daughter on the cover. The picture was taken in G-Boro (and yes, she turned him down. Gotcha bud.) Get a copy. You'll really enjoy it!.....Evan forgot to give the whole address for his sheet in his column. I should start making this guy pay for advertising. He slips a plug in every one of his columns. Smart guy! It's Flushing, NY 11364. Definately enjoyable.

Final Word

Have you noticed that my "Final Word" has gotten smaller as my issues have progressed. I use to list all contributors, but no more. A good sign to be sure. Thanks everyone. See you in two. (Stolen from Mr.. Keller.)

Ron